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ONE-STOP SHOPPING

Crown Jewel Bazaar a one-stop shopping extravaganza Oct. 27-29

by JODI WARD
Staffwriter

Eighty-one vendors from throughout Europe will be brought together to offer one-stop shopping Oct. 27-29 at the Vilseck / Grafenwoehr Crown Jewel Bazaar.

This is the first year that the Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Community Spouses' clubs have combined efforts for the event, culminating in a much larger bazaar with much more to offer.

"We are excited at the prospect of this bazaar

being the biggest one ever," said VCSC President Ali Mako. "The Crown Jewel Bazaar is stepping up to be one of the most prominent bazaars in Europe.

"This is the place to shop for Christmas presents to send back home or to keep here," she said.

Grafenwoehr's Camp Aachen is the site of this year's event. Just in time for holiday shopping, vendors will be selling fine European products, including oil paintings, Persian and Turkish rugs, antique furniture, jewelry, Polish

pottery, Royal Dalton China, and more.

For the connoisseurs among us, German and Italian fine wines, assorted gourmet cheeses, and handmade chocolates will be available for sampling and, of course, purchase.

The event's chairperson, Juliet Davidson, said she can't wait to enjoy the shopping herself.

"I am looking forward to purchasing the serving pieces to my china set and perhaps a new piece of antique furniture," she said.

The price ranges vary greatly, depending on the item. All items sold at the bazaar will be priced

IF YOU GO

Camp Aachen, Grafenwoehr

Fri. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

in dollars and can be purchased with cash, check, or credit card.

Food vendors will be present throughout the

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HALLOWEEN INFO

Trick-or-treat fun, slated for Halloween

Staff report

Several events are planned in the Grafenwoehr, Vilseck, and Hohenfels communities to help residents celebrate Halloween 2006.

At Grafenwoehr and Vilseck:

■ The CYS Harvest Fest will be held Saturday at the Vilseck School Age Services from noon to 3 p.m.

■ Door-to-door trick-or-treating will kick off in all of U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr's (Graf and Vilseck) government-controlled housing Oct. 31 at 5 p.m. and will last until 7 p.m.

■ The U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr Library will hold its inaugural Trunk-or-Treat Oct.

31. The event will allow registered participants to decorate the trunk of their vehicle for Halloween, dress in their spookiest costume, and hand out candy to local trick-or-treaters.

Registration for participants will be taken through Oct. 27. Participants must be ID cardholders. The decorated vehicles will line the parking lot of the library, and participants should be ready for trick-or-treaters at 5 p.m. Call DSN 475-1740 for more information, or stop by the library to fill out a registration form.

■ A Harvest Fest, sponsored by the RSO,

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When & Where

Grafenwoehr & Vilseck
Door-to-door trick-or-treating 5-7 p.m., Oct. 31

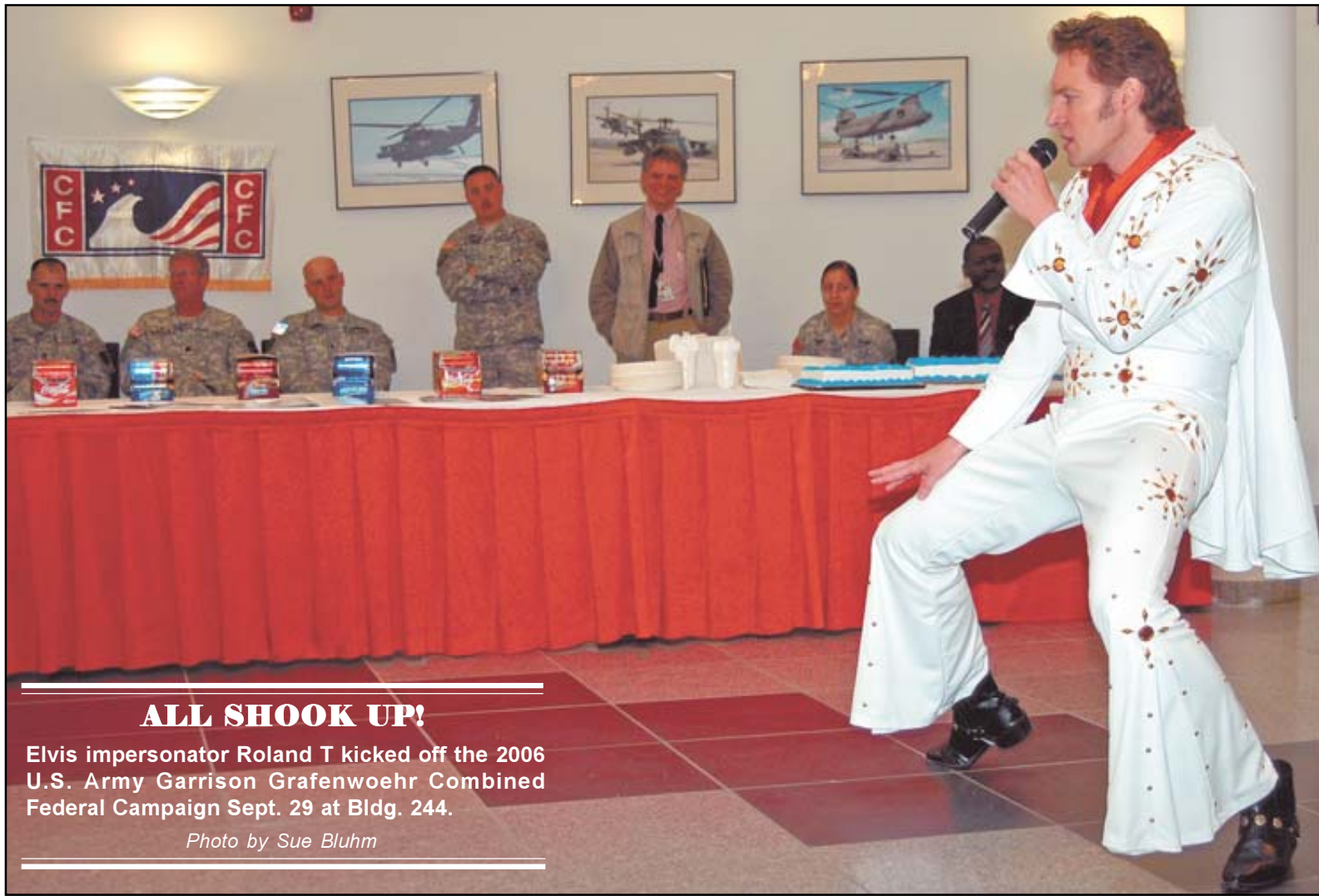
Hohenfels
Door-to-door trick-or-treating 5-7 p.m., Oct. 31

Garrison Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels will offer several other holiday activities, including Halloween-alternatives.

ALL SHOOK UP!

Elvis impersonator Roland T kicked off the 2006 U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr Combined Federal Campaign Sept. 29 at Bldg. 244.

Photo by Sue Bluhm



Free vehicle inspections offered on and off post during October

IMA-Europe press release

AAFES Car Care Centers; U.S. Forces vehicle inspection stations operated by the U. S. Army BASOPS Maintenance Center – Europe; and all auto repair shops on the economy will provide free inspections during October in support of the International Motor Vehicle Lighting campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to encourage motor vehicle owners to have their vehicles inspected prior to the onset of winter weather.

The campaign is conducted each year during

October to correct deficiencies prior to the more hazardous winter driving season. This is the time when hours of darkness increase and winter road and weather conditions begin.

German garages, AAFES Car Care Centers, and most U.S. Forces vehicle inspection stations will be conducting free inspections to check vehicle lighting systems to include headlights, taillights, fog lights, and turn signals.

In addition to the lighting inspection, AAFES Car Care Centers will also inspect windshield wipers, exhaust systems, and tires. Any repair

work to correct deficiencies is, of course, chargeable to the vehicle owner.

In addition to the complete automobile safety inspections, U.S. Forces vehicle inspection stations also offer the lighting systems inspection only. Upon successful completion of the lighting system inspection, a safety sticker will be affixed to the windshield showing that the vehicle has successfully passed the inspection.

Take advantage of the campaign by preparing your automobile for winter weather.

Mile-long Friendship Walk highlights diversity, provides networking

Stefan Lehmeier and son Felix were among the 70 participants in the Garrison Grafenwoehr Sept. 30 Friendship Walk.



by KAREN VOJTECKY
EDIS Program Manager

Seventy people from Amberg, Hohenfels, Vilseck, and Grafenwoehr participated in the U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr Equal Employment Opportunity Friendship Walk Sept. 30.

The Rollstuhlfahrer Club (Wheel-Chair Club) from Amberg led the mile-long walk after Garrison Grafenwoehr Commander Col. Brian Boyle welcomed participants.

The Friendship Walk helped highlight October as Individuals with Disabilities Employment Awareness Month and celebrate differences and provide networking opportunities for community members.

The walk was inspired by the parent of a special-needs child who wanted the opportunity to meet with other parents and share information.

The Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, Exceptional Family Member Programs,

Child and Youth Services, Department of Defense Dependents Schools, School Liaison Officer, Equal Employment Opportunity, and the USAG Grafenwoehr Health Promotion Council coordinated the event.

These agencies make up the Inter-Component Coordinating Council, a committee of agency representatives in partnership with parents to address the needs of exceptional children and their families.

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Q&A

Why is it important to be involved in kids' schooling?



Toni Kirkwood
"It's important because as a parent, you need to know where your child's at in school so that you can work with their teachers to help them out."



Sheri Ingoglia
"If you're involved you can make sure they have good study habits."



Sandra Hamilton
"I think it motivates the children. Having a parent involved makes them more excited about school."



Aubrey O'Brian
"... because it sets a basis for their futures. If you are involved in their school, they will be too. They won't give up on themselves like so many children do."



Megan Morgan
"Just to know what they are learning. It's important to be involved in that part of their lives."



Jamie Cruz
"You should be involved so you know what they are doing."



Capt. T.J. Seibold
"Children need adult mentorship, from more than just their teachers."



Tony Garcia
"It is critical to their development, and they are our future."

Utility tax relief in sight, be wary of illegal pet sales

There is a lot of information to put out this week, so we'll get right to it...

Utility tax relief

If you live or plan to live in a private rental home, and if you are serviced by the E.ON utility company effective Nov. 1, you will be eligible for tax relief for some of your utilities.

This agreement is managed by MWR and requires a one-time registration fee. If you are already in private rental and want the service, you are also eligible but the agreement is not retroactive to previous payments. For further information, stop by the MWR office for the program details. With the tax rate likely to increase this year, this sounds like a great program to save money.

Removal of over-the-counter drugs

Recently the commissary has been directed to remove certain over-the-counter drugs, many of which you are probably familiar with.

Believe it or not, these over-the-counter drugs, predominately used to treat the common cold, violate portions of the Patriot Act and can no longer be sold in



commissaries. The products containing this drug are still available by prescription and, in the interim, manufacturers are developing products with substitute ingredients to replace the "banned" ones. I ask for your patience as the market responds to these shortages and until the commissary can restock.

Illegal sale of pets

Recently a member of our community purchased pets from an unauthorized dealer. These pets came from the Czech Republic and/or Poland and had a Polish veterinarian's certificate of good health.

Unfortunately USAREUR has experience with the seller and the "vet." The pets were not healthy, suffered from distemper, parvovirus, and even rabies. Their mortality rate approaches 80 percent, and many of the pets have been destroyed by local veterinarians.

Further, this seller has marketed "fighting dogs," which are illegal in Germany. The moral of the story is that there are very stringent rules for purchasing pets in Germany. It is generally expensive to obtain a pet, so if the deal looks too good to be true — it probably is.

Shoppette hours

Because of the increased population in Grafenwoehr and Vilseck, the shoppette hours will increase on Nov. 1. The Grafenwoehr

Shoppette will stay open until 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and the Vilseck Shoppette will stay open all night Friday and Saturday.

Two comments on these changes: The garrison, in coordination with the senior mission commander and AAFES, regularly assess the needs of the community and upgrade services as appropriate.

In this case, customer volume drove the increased hours. Secondly, AAFES will continue to operate under Army regulations with respect to alcohol sales despite the extended hours. Specifically, AAFES personnel cannot sell alcohol at any time to customers who are intoxicated. I ask the community to support AAFES in this policy.

Fall sports

High school football is almost halfway over, and congratulations go to Vilseck High School for their recent win. Hohenfels remains the defending Division III champ, and playoffs are just around the corner.

Go on out and support your team this weekend, and as always, the garrison staff works to make this the best place to live and serve in Europe.

*Col. Brian T. Boyle
Commander, U.S. Army
Garrison Grafenwoehr*

Military Spouses

Military wife reflects on 'annus horribilious'



**JACEY
ECKHART**
On the Homefront

My girlfriend swears that bad things run in threes. If she has two minor tragedies she expects that third one like a blow to the head. But passing the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina made me wonder: what happens when the string of bads just keeps coming—spiral deployments, serious illness, chronic loneliness, separation, family troubles?

What happens when we military families get a whole year made up of one bad thing after another?

When this happened to Queen Elizabeth II in 1992, she called it her "annus horribilious"—her horrible year. That was the year the marriages of both of her sons

unraveled and Windsor Castle burned.

In her Christmas message, the queen said didn't think she would be looking back on '92 with "undiluted pleasure."

At the time, I wasn't that interested. Once I was knee deep in my own bad year, I was dying to know how she managed. Like Queen Victoria before her, did she just close her eyes and think of England?

I gave that a try. Sometimes it worked. Often it didn't. I used to close my eyes and think of how things used to be before we evacuated for the Hurricane Katrina, before our son was diagnosed with autism, before this year of separation. Over and over I told myself, "All is well and all was well and all will be well again."

Because I read that is what we are supposed to do. We are supposed to examine the evidence that tells us that all will be well

again and act on that.

Just after the hurricane, I read that most major events lose their impact on our happiness within three short months. That does not include the death of a child or a spouse—ask any military widow or grieving parent. Those losses take years to assimilate, if ever.

But human beings start getting over major life events like natural disasters remarkably quickly. That stunned me. Big things ought to take longer. But

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psychologists who have studied the phenomenon have found that our happiness is based more on our genes than our circumstances.

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IMA-E Message

CFC contributions can make a lifesaving difference

As Americans, a key part of our national identity is generosity toward others.

Nowhere is this trait more evident than in the contributions being made every day by our Soldiers and civilians here at Installation Management Agency-Europe.

Each year we demonstrate our support to dozens of hard-working research, educational and charitable organizations through the Combined Federal Campaign.

The CFC enables Soldiers and civilians to help these organizations make an enormous — possibly lifesaving — difference in the lives of

our fellow Americans and people around the globe.

In the next few days, you will be contacted by your CFC representative. He or she will provide you a booklet listing CFC agencies as well as the forms necessary to make an annual gift or to pledge your continuing support through payroll deductions.

Please take a close look at the array of organizations listed in your CFC booklet. It's hard to image a broader spectrum of groups and agencies working to better the lives of our families, our nation and our world.

One of the things I like most about CFC is its flexibility. We can make a single contribution to one organization or smaller amounts to several.

We live in challenging and exciting times.

As members of the Army team, we've chosen to make a difference; to help those around us. And we back our beliefs through service, commitment and tangible actions.

One of those actions, one of the "extra miles" we take to help those around us is annual CFC campaign.

Let's continue our tradition of generosity this year. Whether your contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign is large or small, I urge you to join me in supporting this worthy effort.

Thank you for your service and your generosity.

*Russell B. Hall
Region Director
IMA-Europe*

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ACS job fair yields information, few jobs

by **JODI WARD**
Staff writer

Enhance it today, advance it tomorrow. This is probably a familiar slogan to anyone who watches AFN.

Army Community Service Employment Readiness is running this advertisement campaign to convey a very important message—that although there may not be as many opportunities for professional advancement while stationed in Germany, several opportunities exist to advance education and prepare for a future career.

This was the message job fair attendees received Oct. 4.

“This is more an informational session,” said ACS Employment Readiness Councilor Susan Roberts, of the event.

“It’s slim pickings for jobs because of where we are and also because of the lack of funding,”

said Roberts. “That’s why we are focusing on helping community members prepare for a future career.”

Representatives from AAFES, Appropriated Funds, and Non-Appropriated Funds were present to inform new community members of the qualifications they are looking for in potential employees and how to apply for positions once jobs become available.

“We’re not hiring today,” said AAFES’ Christine Justus, “but we’re trying to tell people to keep looking on our Web site and how to apply online when something does come up.”

Due to the lack of available jobs, the emphasis at the job fair was educational advancement and volunteer opportunities.

Representatives from the University of Maryland, Central Texas College, Oklahoma University, and Phoenix University, as well as local volunteer organizations, helped fair attendees find out how to advance their

education and increase their marketability.

“We are trying to help put things in perspective for military spouses over here,” said Roberts. “This may or may not be the time to advance your career, but you can take the time to volunteer, to get some additional training, to go to school, or finish your degree.

“There are just such limited positions out there. This is something they can do to get ahead,” she explained.

ACS Employment Readiness usually holds a job fair once a year, but the Oct. 4 event was held by special request from many of Vilseck’s newest community members. Although the event was not as fruitful as some attendees had hoped, future fairs should yield more job openings.

Anyone who is interested in attending an upcoming fair or would like help finding or applying for a job can contact Roberts at DSN 476-2650, CIV 09662-83-2650, or susan.e.roberts@us.army.mil.

ACS Employment Readiness provides Soldiers and family members help with resume writing, interview preparation, using the Civilian Job Search/ RESUMIX system, and employment applications.

Interview Skills Class:		
Oct. 31	2 p.m.	ACS Lounge-V
Nov. 28	2 p.m.	ACS Lounge-V

Beginner RESUMIX Class:		
Vilseck		
Oct. 24	1:30 p.m.	ACS Lounge
Nov. 7, 14, 21	1:30 p.m.	ACS Lounge
Dec. 5, 12, 19	1:30 p.m.	ACS Lounge

Grafenwoehr		
Nov. 2, 16	1:30 p.m.	ACS

Advanced RESUMIX Class		
Nov. 7, 21	2:45 p.m.	ACS Lounge-V
Dec. 12, 19	2:45 p.m.	ACS Lounge-V

Retirees encouraged to visit Saturday’s Appreciation Day

1st Personnel Command

Military retirees can take advantage of personnel and medical services during U.S. Army, Europe’s 26th Annual Retiree Appreciation Day taking place at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Retiree Appreciation Day is a great opportunity for retirees to personally present their concerns to service representatives, who will address and resolve any issues,” explained Mike Malone, 1st Personnel Command Retirement Services Officer. “This event has a lot to offer.”

certificates, divorce papers, old ID cards, passport or driver’s license are required.

A team from the National Personnel Records Center will help retirees contact federal agencies with custody of military retirees’ records. The team will assist retirees and their family members with personnel and medical records questions.

The Patrick Henry Village Dental Clinic will provide general screening services, giving retirees and their family members the opportunity to have an oral screening and receive any emergency services.

Screenings will be performed on the first 80 people pre-registering and requesting the service.

Retirees residing outside the Heidelberg military community should bring their dental records, if available.

“ (This) is a great opportunity ... for retirees to personally present concerns. ”

Mike Malone
Retirement Services Officer

The United States Army Medical Activity, Heidelberg will provide a variety of health care services and information.

Healthcare providers will review retirees’ annual health screenings and discuss lifestyle changes and any follow-up actions. Retirees and their family members can get their hearing checked, receive a glaucoma screening and have their blood pressure taken.

Influenza inoculations will be administered by the community health nurse if the vaccine is available.

“This is the community’s way to thank you for your service to your country,” Malone said. “So please come by. It’s your day.”

Not all bad events take us ‘down for the count’

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short time. Paraplegics describe their lives as just about as happy as anyone else’s life within a few years of their accident. The worry of last year’s deployment fades and sputters in the light of the next one.

During this year I have had plenty of days of despair when my kids were screaming and my mom was crying and Brad and I were looking down the throat of \$400,000 worth of hurricane debt.

I closed my eyes then and thought of England. I clung to the idea that because things had been good before they would go back to being good again.

They have. I’m surprised to be saying that, but we’re pretty much back to normal.

I hope most of the people affected by the hurricanes last year can say the same. My

heart goes out to those who cannot.

So I make that note for future reference. Not every bad event will take us down for the count. We can suffer hurricanes and wars and floods and separation and diseases and terrorist attacks.

We can act on these circumstances, angling for the best outcome. Sometimes it is awfully good to know that whatever happens, something, somewhere, is churning away in the murky waters of our gene pool trying to bring back the normal. That pleasant, glorious, remarkable, ever-so-welcome normal.

A military wife for 19 years, Jacey Eckhart is a syndicated columnist from CinCHouse.com (www.CinCHouse.com) and author of “The Homefront Club” (Naval Institute Press 2004).

AFN surveying listeners, offering resort vacation

AFN Europe

American Forces Network Europe is surveying its radio audience to see how they like AFN, The Eagle.

“April 24th we launched what’s really a different style of radio,” says Army Lt. Col. Scott Malcom, AFN Europe commander. “We play a Jack-like format which means we can offer our audience more variety than ever before.

“Now we want to hear how they like the changes,” said Malcom.

Over the next few weeks the AFN Bavaria staff will set up survey booths on both Vilseck and Grafenwoehr. “We’re going to proactively try to get as many people to fill out the surveys to get a true feeling of how our community feels about our radio programming,” said Sgt. 1st Class Triggs, the AFN Bavaria station commander.

Everyone who fills out a survey will also qualify for a three-night stay at Edelweiss Resort. The goal is to keep AFN radio entertaining and relevant to the people it serves, said Triggs.

Previously AFN sounded like a different radio station depending on when and where you

listened.

“We’d take different radio formats like Top 40 or Country for example and put them into time blocks,” said AFN Europe Director of Radio Gary Bautell. “Now we blend genres of music into one big playlist which is how most people listen to music today.”

Jack is a program strategy adopted in the States to compete with satellite radio, Internet radio and MP3 players according to Wired magazine.

“At AFN, we’re constantly challenged with the impossible... pleasing all the people, all the time.”

Lt. Col. Scott Malcom
AFN Europe Commander

Whether the increased use of MP3 players is responsible or not, the idea is that radio stations should “shuffle their playlist” just like listeners shuffle their music and listen to a variety all day instead of specific types of music at specific times.

“At AFN we’re constantly challenged with the impossible... pleasing all the people, all the time,” said Malcom. “With the new Eagle format, we feel we’re closer to pleasing most of the people, most of the time.”

Listeners are encouraged to take the survey by visiting www.afneurope.net and following the links. AFN, The Eagle can be found on most AFN FM frequencies in Europe.

Candy

Games

Fall Harvest Fest

Don't miss the annual Fall Harvest Fest. Everyone is invited! Bring the kids in their favorite costume (adults welcome to dress up also) and enjoy some games and lots of candy.

October 31, 2006
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bldg. 103
(Middle School Old Gym)

No Charge - Free to fill!!!
Sponsored by the Grafenwoehr Chapel

Prizes

Costume Contest
6:30pm
(no entry fees)

Cake Walk

Garrison Snapshot



Photo by Sue Bluhm

WELCOME HOME!

(Above) Heartfelt appreciation was shown long before members of the 18th Combat Support Battalion returned from a year-long deployment in Iraq.

Signs with the names of all unit members were posted on several Garrison Grafenwoehr streets last week in anticipation of the unit's arrival. The 18th CSB Soldiers were met by family and friends as the unit arrived at the Grafenwoehr Field House in the pre-dawn hours Friday morning.



Courtesy photo

(Above) Hohenfels' Equal Employment Opportunity lead volunteer Yadira Salazar presents guest speaker Daniel Mendoza during the garrison's Sept. 30 Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the community activity center. Mendoza is the Hohenfels High School principal. He spoke to an audience of approximately 300 guests about the 2006 HHM theme, "Hispanic Americans: Our Rich Culture Contributing to America's Future."



(Left) Grafenwoehr Elementary students (Mr. Hooker's class) observed National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8-14 with the help of Garrison Grafenwoehr firemen, who spent time with the children and discussed fire safety.

Photo by Sue Bluhm

Register now for Dec. 16 Battle of Bulge memorial walk

Garrison Benelux Public Affairs

The 29th memorial walk commemorating the Battle of the Bulge, the largest land battle in U.S. Army history, is scheduled for Dec. 16 in Bastogne, Belgium.

This year the walk goes north of the town where the Band of Brothers, E Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, made their stand.

Walkers may choose 6-, 14- or 20-kilometer distances. The self-paced walk begins at 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Sports Center at Porte de Trèves.

The sports center is just outside the town across from a shopping center on the road to the museum and the Mardasson battle memorial.

There is a mandatory four-euro registration fee per person that includes a certificate from the city of Bastogne, a walk brochure and a cloth patch of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

Pre-registration and payment before Dec. 2 is strongly recommended.

After this date the walk fee is five euro. No refunds can be made.

The walk finishes in time for three wreath-laying ceremonies in the center of Bastogne.

The public is invited to participate in the memorial parade, scheduled to begin about 2:30 p.m.

The traditional nut-throwing from the town hall balcony is immediately afterward.



Courtesy photo

Last year approximately 1,650 walkers participated in the memorial walk commemorating the Battle of the Bulge, the largest land battle in U.S. Army history. Sign up now to participate in this year's event.

Americans in Germany, England, and Italy are asked to register for the walk through Ed Lapotsky at ed.germany@t-online.de, by fax at (+49) (0)6507-80-2617, or by telephone at (+49) (0)6507-8292.

Americans in Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg are asked to contact Tom Larscheid at

sb325983@skynet.be or by telephone at (+32) (0)2-687-6158.

Walkers can also register (for five Euros) on the morning of the walk between 7 and 9 a.m. at the starting point.

Limited open-bay billets are available to NATO soldiers for a small fee.

Locals win theater awards

The IMA-E Entertainment One Act Play Festival was held last week at the Roadside Theater in Heidelberg, where Overseas U.S. Forces theater departments bring their best productions to the regional festival of short dramas, comedies, and musicals.

This festival also biannually determines the Region 10 entry into the American Association of Community Theater National Festival. After each performance, the show is judged and openly critiqued by an international panel of professional theatre adjudicators.

The weekend also included workshops in acting, music, and directing; a monologue competition; and a guest performance. There were 20 theaters represented from Germany, Italy, Belgium, and Korea.

The Hohenfels Box Seat Theater production of *Chicks*, directed by Joanne Love, was the recipient of two awards.

Rosemarie Smith, in her portrayal of Mary Margaret Phallon, was awarded the **2006 Best Actress** award. Her excellent performance was the highlight of the Friday night competition and she was highly praised for her work by the three adjudicators including Morrie Enders, Artistic Director, Kalamazoo Civic Theatre, Second City's Nancy Beckett, and Brid McBride the Irish Theater Dublin Ireland.

Hannah Porter, from the Hohenfels High School, was awarded **2006 Second Best Stage Manager** for her work in getting the stage set and for meeting all the competition rules for Stage Management.

The Hohenfels Box Seat Theater will present an *Encore Performance of Chicks on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Community Activities Center.*

Admission is \$1, and the program is designed for ages 13 and up. The performance is open to the community.



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Bush condemns Korean nuclear claims

President called test provocative, said weapons transfer a grave threat

by STEVEN DONALD SMITH
American Forces Press Service

North Korea's claim that it conducted its first-ever nuclear test earlier this month constitutes a threat to international peace and security, President Bush said at the White House Oct. 9.

"The United States condemns this provocative act," he said. Bush said the U.S. is still working to confirm the North Korean claim.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported the apparent nuclear test was conducted in Hwaderi, North Korea. The U.S. Geological Survey said it had detected a tremor of 4.2 magnitude on the Korean Peninsula.

"North Korea has defied the will of the international community, and the international community will respond," the president said.

Bush said he talked to leaders of China, South Korea, Japan and Russia this morning. "We reaffirmed our commitment to a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, and all of us agreed the proclaimed actions taken by North Korea are unacceptable and deserve immediate response by the United Nations Security Council," he said.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency session in New York City Oct. 9 to discuss possible actions against North Korea. The Security Council has said such an act could

lead to severe consequences, like economic sanctions.

The North Korean regime is one of the world's leading proliferators of missile technology, including transfers to Iran and Syria, Bush said. "The transfer of nuclear weapons or material by North Korea to state or non-state entities would be considered a grave threat to the United States, and we would hold North Korea fully accountable for the consequences of such action," he said.

The U.S. remains committed to diplomacy, the president said, but will meet the full range of its deterrent and security commitments.

He said North Korean threats would not lead to a brighter future for North Korean people nor weaken the resolve of the U.S. and its allies.

Today's claim by North Korea serves only to raise tension, while depriving the North Korean people of the increased prosperity and better relations the world has offered. "The oppressed and impoverished people of North Korea deserve their brighter future," he said.

North Korea, officially known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, is an isolated, repressive regime of 23 million people that has experienced wide-scale starvation under its current leader, Kim Jong-il.

The communist country drew international ire when it test-fired ballistic missiles in July.



White House photo by Paul Morse

President George W. Bush discusses North Korea's claim that it conducted its first-ever nuclear test during a White House press conference Oct. 11.

Last U.S. service members leave Iceland



photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Anthony W. Lusi

A U.S. Air Force HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter delivers a tow cable to an Icelandic fishing trawler, the Baldvin Thorsteinsson, that ran aground on a sandbar off Iceland's southern coast in March 2004.

by JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

A 65-year segment of history ended Sept. 30, when the last American service member based in the country left Iceland.

U.S. service members will continue to work with, train with and operate with their NATO ally, but troops will not be based in the island nation, said Thomas F. Hall, assistant defense secretary for reserve affairs and the man who negotiated the U.S.-Iceland agreement.

The last American service members took down the U.S. flag at Naval Air Station Keflavik at 5 p.m. Sept. 30 and then departed.

The United States will continue to defend Iceland as part of the 1951 Defense Agreement between the two nations and as a NATO ally. An attack on one NATO nation is considered an attack on all.

In March 2006, the United States announced the decision to close American facilities on the island and reassign the service members.

Since then, U.S. and Icelandic officials have been working together to craft the new relationship.

At one time, Iceland had more than 10,000 U.S. service members based there. Then, the threats came from first Nazi Germany and then the Soviet Union. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, the threats have changed and come from new directions: terrorism, international crime, and drug trafficking, Hall said.

The United States is stepping up its coordination with Iceland to help maintain the security of the country and the region against such emerging threats. U.S. forces could go back into the country quickly if conventional threats re-emerged, Hall said.

The assistant secretary said there will be at least yearly exercises and

U.S. ships will visit the nation on a regular basis.

Even before the U.S. entry into World War II, the U.S. government vowed to defend Iceland.

In 1940, Denmark, which then had sovereignty over Iceland, fell to the Nazis. British troops moved into Iceland to defend the nation, which has never had a standing military force.

In July 1941, U.S. forces landed in Keflavik and replaced the Brits. With a few short breaks, American service members have provided security for Iceland ever since.

During World War II and the Cold War, Iceland was critical to keeping the sea lines of communication open.

The U.S. maintained aircraft on Iceland to defend Iceland and the North Atlantic sea lanes against conventional military threats: submarines, ships and aircraft. But those threats no longer exist.

Pace returns to his roots to celebrate Italian heritage

by JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

Marine Gen. Peter Pace served Oct. 9 as grand marshal of a parade through streets where his father once sold bananas.

"There's no other country in the world where this could happen," the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



photo by Staff Sgt. D. Myles Cullen

Marine Gen. Peter Pace speaks at the Oct. 7 Columbus Citizens Foundation dinner in New York.

told CNBC's Maria Bartiromo in an interview Oct. 7.

Pace was grand marshal of the annual Columbus Day Parade down 5th Avenue in New York earlier this month. Sponsored by the Columbus Citizens Foundation, it is a celebration of all things Italian.

Pace's father came to New York City from Italy when he was 5.

"When he was 8 years old, he was selling bananas on the streets of Hell's Kitchen," the general said.

"In his teens, he delivered blocks of ice. After he married my mom, he became an electrician and joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 3, here in New York City," said Pace.

"He worked two jobs, three jobs, part-time work on weekends in my hometown, which by then was Teaneck, N.J.," he said.

Pace's father worked hard to support four children, and all four became American successes.

"My sister had the opportunity to go to college and was a very successful business lady," the chairman said. "She decided at age 60 to get a law degree and did."

His older brother preceded the general at the U.S. Naval Academy.

"He was a lieutenant and captain of the Marine Corps and went to Vietnam," he said. "He was wounded twice, (received the) Silver Star medal for bravery. He's still my hero."

Pace's younger brother went to college in North Carolina and is the president of a company in New York City.

"So we've been very, very fortunate to have the opportunity provided by my parents to take advantage of every opportunity this country has to offer," he said.

Pace said immigration is the lifeblood of the United States. "It's fundamentally who we are and what we're about," he said.

The United States is a beacon of hope to different peoples all around the world, and the country benefits when they come here.

"They come here looking for freedom of religion, freedom to carry out their dreams and they come here with enormous energy," he said. "They give that energy freely to society."

And the U.S. military is no exception.

"Since this war began September 11, (2001), we've had 25,000 immigrants join the military and gain citizenship through their service to their new country," Pace said. "More than 200 have earned this country's highest awards for valor."

"There are all kinds of sides to the immigration dialogue," he said. "From my perspective, those who came here from other countries have given much more than they've gotten," he said.

Army plans to maintain current troop strength in Iraq through year 2010

by JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

Army officials have a plan to maintain the current number of troops in Iraq through 2010, but it is only a plan and has off-ramps for troop reductions along the way, Army officials said Oct. 11.

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, told reporters Oct. 11 that the Army has formed plans to maintain the current level of troops - about 120,000 - in Iraq through 2010.

The general stressed this is not a prediction, but a plan.

During a Pentagon news conference, Defense Secretary

Donald H. Rumsfeld said the Army has the responsibility to look ahead and formulate plans.

"That's what the Army does," Rumsfeld said.

But, Rumsfeld said, "General Schoomaker and the Army does not set force levels in Iraq."

They're not the ones who determine how many will be there and until what year they'll be there," said Rumsfeld.

The combatant commanders - Multinational Force Iraq commander Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and U.S. Central Command chief Army Gen. John Abizaid — make those recommendations to Rumsfeld and President Bush.



Sgt. Nathan McWalters, 3rd Stryker BCT, 2nd Inf. Div., provides security at an Iraqi oil refinery Sept. 29.

photo by Spc. Christa Martin

Money expert tells service members how they can become millionaires

Story and photos by
GERRY GILMORE
American Forces Press Service

Speaking and gesturing like a fired-up preacher selling salvation, Kelvin Boston is known for telling television audiences how they can realize their dreams of financial stability - or even become rich.

"Everyone can become a millionaire," Boston told some 200 military and family members attending a Sept. 30 Defense Department-sponsored financial management seminar at the Mologne House's conference center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The "catch" is that most people don't practice the necessary fiscal discipline and planning to achieve millionaire status, Boston, the host of the PBS television program "Moneywise," said.

And, bad money-handling habits, the financial management expert pointed out, can often put people behind a financial eight ball.

People in bill-paying and credit trouble should seek out a financial counselor immediately to help them rectify their financial situation, he emphasized.

Military members are fortunate, he noted, in that they can get such financial advice free of charge from trained counselors on their bases.

It's never too late to achieve financial stability, Boston told listeners. "The universe is rigged for

your (financial) success," he said.

Most people make more than enough money over their lifetimes to realize financial stability - if they manage their money properly, he said.

Accumulating unnecessary debt, with accompanying large interest payments, threatens all who want to achieve financial stability, Boston pointed out.

Therefore, Boston advised his audience to formulate a plan to pay off any credit card debt as quickly as possible to avoid paying high interest charges.

People with credit bills should also try to send more than the stated monthly payment amount if possible, he said, in order to pay off the debt quicker and avoid added interest charges.

He also told listeners to put some money into a savings account every payday, noting they'd be surprised how much they accumulate over time.

Another good way to make money work is to buy and own your home, he pointed out, rather than paying rent for housing.

And, "the real issue is who is setting the economic policies in your house," Boston said, and "finding the courage" to employ budgeting and other money management tools to become financially stable, or even, "the millionaire next door."

Each person holds their financial destiny in their own hands, Boston said. And, everyone, he added, can use the power of positive thinking — in conjunction with fiscal self-discipline and planning — to achieve financial goals.

"You are one with the infinite riches of your subconscious mind," Boston told his audience. "You are happy, healthy, wealthy, and successful. Money will flow to you freely, copiously and endlessly."

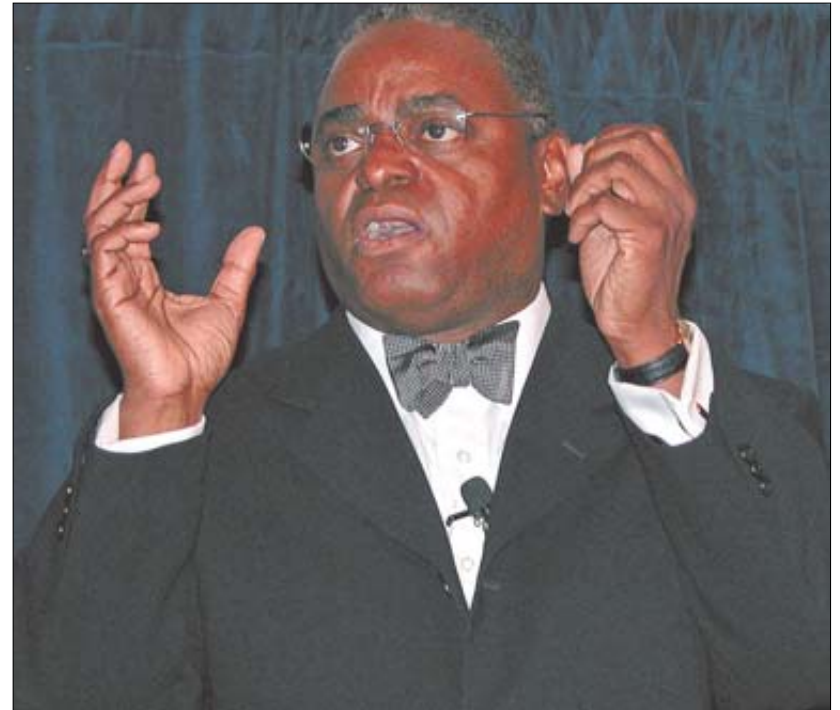
"You will always be aware of your true self-worth. You will use your talents. And you will be wonderfully, wonderfully blessed," he concluded.

Seminar attendee Navy civilian Tiffany Brown, 23, said Boston's financial advice "is going to be helpful, because I'm trying to build my financial success."

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Boston is "an outstanding public speaker" who, "offers a lot of really good advice," said Air Force Maj. Steve Kirchmyer (right).



"Everyone can become a millionaire," financial expert Kelvin Boston tells some 200 military and family members attending a Defense Department-sponsored financial management seminar held at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Sept.30. Boston is also the host of the PBS television program "Moneywise."

good advice," Air Force Maj. Steve Kirchmyer, accompanied by his wife, Tonya, said.

"I think everyone in the military has struggled at one time or another with their finances," Kirchmyer, the father of five children, noted.

"There're a lot of young troops here today" who'll benefit from Boston's advice, he said.

Tonya Kirchmyer said she'd tell her children about Boston's principles of money management "so they'll be financially secure."

Jones: Reserve components vital to EUCOM mission

by **SGT. SARA WOOD**
American Forces Press Service

The National Guard and Reserve play a vital role in supporting the U.S. European Command mission, filling critical roles in the command's headquarters and in operations around the world, EUCOM's commander said here today.

Covering a 92-country area

"Reserve component forces are ever-present across EUCOM's 92-country area of responsibilities," Marine Gen. James L. Jones said at a hearing of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserve. "The many skill sets and capabilities resident in the Guard and Reserves are of significant importance to the success of our theater security cooperation programs."

Every day, an average of 4,500 National Guard and Reserve troops serve in EUCOM's region, performing missions such as command and control, airlift, airborne tankers, engineering, force protection, special operations and intelligence, Jones said. Additionally, members of the Reserve components make up more than 10 percent of the uniformed personnel of the EUCOM headquarters, he said.

EUCOM is a major hub for troops and equipment deploying forward to U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility, Jones said.

Managing ground and air

Reserve and Guard members are managing logistics requirements, flying airlift missions, and operating on airfields to keep the flow of personnel and materials moving forward, he said.

Reserve component members bring tremendous analytical skills to theater intelligence assets, Jones said.

More than 560 Reserve and Guard members support EUCOM's joint intelligence operations center, intelligence mission operations center and the joint analysis center. Reserve component members at the joint analysis center produce more than 30 percent of the intelligence products in support of operations throughout the command, he noted.

The National Guard and Reserve also contribute greatly to NATO's operations, said Jones, who also serves as NATO's supreme allied commander for Europe.

Reserve component personnel provide staff support to the NATO Response Force, and reservists serve as an integral core of the U.S. delegation to the NATO Military Committee in Brussels, Belgium, he said.

On the operational side, Air National Guard tankers provide the majority of airborne tanker support for NATO's aircraft, and the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command provide lift support to U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Jones said.

Exclusively reserve

Additionally, the Maritime Domain Awareness/White Shipping Tracking Cell is manned entirely by reservists.

"National Guard and Reserve personnel provide significant U.S. leadership to NATO, and in so doing, strengthen the transatlantic relationship immeasurably," he said.

The Reserve components are a major player in peacekeeping operations in the Balkans and in Africa, Jones said. Bosnia and Kosovo operations are virtually exclusively executed by the Army National Guard and Army Reserve, and Guard and Reserve members also serve as mentors to the African Contingency Operations Training and Assistance program, he said.



Marine Gen. James Jones
EUCOM Commander & NATO Supreme Allied Commander for Europe

Jones said every day an average of 4,500 National Guard and Reserve troops serve in EUCOM's region, performing command and control, airlift, force protection, intelligence, and many other crucial missions.

One program that provides tremendous returns on EUCOM's efforts to build bilateral relationships is the state partnership program, Jones said. This program brings together National Guard leaders from a particular state to develop a relationship with specific countries, enhancing not only military contacts but also civilian-to-military contacts, he said. Currently, 20 states are partnered with European nations and five are partnered with nations in Africa.

Transformation

As the U.S. military in Europe and Africa transforms from a static, forward-deployed force to a more dynamic expeditionary force, numerous opportunities will arise to increase the

use of the Reserve and National Guard in innovative and resourceful ways during their annual training periods, Jones said. He said he sees two major initiatives that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Reserve components in their support of EUCOM's missions.

The first initiative is creating a single integrated pay and personnel system for the active and Reserve components, Jones said.

"Having separate pay and personnel system creates unnecessary complexities, which significantly slow both the mobilization process and our ability to reach out to the Reserve component volunteers across all service lines on a day-to-day basis," he said.

Pay and benefit equality

The second initiative is to reduce the number of Reserve component duty statuses to improve operations and to achieve equality in pay and benefits with the active component personnel serving in EUCOM, Jones said.

"I would suggest that the labyrinth of duty statuses for Reservists and Guardsmen serve as a major impediment to effectively and efficiently access operational and support forces," he said.

Reserve components are active in every aspect of EUCOM operations, Jones said. They are fully integrated in the daily battle rhythm, are assigned to critical positions and are essential in achieving EUCOM's theater goals, he said.

"The wide scope and unpredictable nature of this new security landscape compels us to develop new strategies to better harmonize the full spectrum of national influence," he said. "This harmonization should include maximizing the full potential of our Reserve components as a ready operational volunteer force, not just a strategic asset for mobilization."

Army supporting families of Soldiers extended in Iraq

by **SGT. SARA WOOD**
American Forces Press Service

Families of the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, are not happy about the unit's 46-day extension in Iraq, but they are accepting it well and the Army has many systems in place to support them while their loved ones are deployed, the unit's rear detachment commander said today.

"The families don't particularly like it, but they have understood all along that this was a possibility," said Army Maj. Tony Perry, commander of the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored

Division's Task Force Ready. "The families also realize the importance of supporting their soldier and the mission they are performing downrange."

The announcement of the unit's extension, which came Sept. 25, was made early enough for the soldiers and their families to prepare, Perry said. The unit was scheduled to redeploy in mid-January and now will begin that redeployment in late February.

The Army has several systems in place to support the deployed soldiers' family members, Perry said.

Army Community Services has

provided the unit with family life consultants — trained civilian counselors whose primary function is to talk with people and refer them to the appropriate services throughout the deployment, he said. Army Community Services also has provided a first-class "Community Yellow Room" to allow spouses to communicate with their loved ones via webcams, computers and faxes.

The 1st Brigade also has a combat operation stress team, a group of mental health professionals tasked to support soldiers and family members, Perry said. A counselor is assigned to

each of the battalions, he added. The unit has strong Family Readiness Groups that have done a great job of supporting the soldiers' families, Perry said.

In addition, family readiness support assistants at each battalion and brigade level assist the rear detachment leadership by coordinating family readiness resources and helping to plan family support operations.

For troops scheduled to attend a school or change their assignments, dates can easily be changed due to the extension, Perry said. Because the

announcement came early, he said, he doesn't think any families had already made travel arrangements for vacations or moves that will be affected by the extension.

He said the good news about this extension is that the 1st BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., will get to complete its one year of "dwell time" (time in the U.S.) before deploying again in January.

"My command message to our family readiness groups and families is that we are 'keeping our game faces on. We will continue to conduct business as usual in order to maintain stability and predictability.'"

Grafenwoehr/Vilseck Briefs

Find out happenings, voice opinion at town hall *tonight*

The town hall meeeeting for the Grafenwoehr and Vilseck communities will take place tonight at 6 p.m. at the Grafenwoehr Middle School Gym.

Garrison Grafenwoehr Commander Col. Brian Boyle and his staff will present their quarterly update on community programs, services, and issues that affect you.

Following the update, there will be a Q&A session for attendees who wish to present questions and recommendations to the commander and garrison subject matter experts.

Come out and participate – ***you*** can make a difference in your community!

Service contracts available in Grafenwoehr, Vilseck

Non-personal service contracts are available in the Grafenwoehr and Vilseck communities for a musician, music director, religious education coordinator, and Catholic parish coordinator.

Solicitations for bid are available on the contracting homepage at <http://www.usacce.army.mil/>. Click “Vendor/contractor,” then click “ASFI,” then click “ACA RCO Grafenwoehr” to view the solicitations.

College Night set Oct. 25, still seeking volunteers

Vilseck High School and the garrison school liaison office are looking for volunteers to represent their colleges and universities and meet with students Oct. 25 at Vilseck High School from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Order materials from your college today, and sign up by e-mailing the garrison SLO at steve.vojtecky@us.army.mil. Questions? Ask the SLO!

Teen Costume Dance set at Yesterday’s Club Saturday

There will be a Vilseck Teen Community Costume Dance at the Vilseck Yesterday’s Club Saturday from 8 – 11 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place for Best Costume, an Open Mic Contest, and a Dance Contest.

Entry is \$2 for those registered with CYS, and \$3 dollars for those not registered with CYS.

For more information contact the Vilseck Middle School/Teen Center at DSN 476-3144.

Christian home educators support group meets in Graf

Grafenwoehr Garrison Christian Home Educators Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month at the Grafenwoehr Post Library between 6 and 8 pm.

Come and receive support, share resources, knowledge, and your wisdom.

For more information, contact Dawn Sovinsky at CIV 09608-923-733 or terry.dawn@asamnet.de

Community Schools Update

Check with your school for details:

Today at 3:30 p.m.: Grafenwoehr Middle School Advisory Committee, DSN 475-9504

Today at 2:45 p.m.: Vilseck Elementary School PTSA meets, DSN 476-2812

Oct. 25 at 3:30 p.m.: Grafenwoehr Middle School PTSA meets

Oct. 25 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.: VHS College Night

Nov. 3: Teacher Work Day, no school for students

Nov. 8-9: Parent-teacher conferences at VES and GES

Nov. 9: Parent-teacher conferences at GMS and VHS

Shoppette hours change Nov. 1

The Grafenwoehr and Vilseck shoppette hours will change, effective Nov. 1, as follows:

Grafenwoehr
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sun., 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Vilseck
New weekend hours:
Open 5:30 a.m. Fri., closed 9 p.m. Sun.

Area ski club meets twice a month at Rose Barracks

Calling all skiers and snowboarders!!! The Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Ski Club meetings are held twice a month at Vilseck’s Yesterdays Club.

Our next meeting will take place tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

Come to get information and reserve a space on our veterans weekend and Thanksgiving trips.

For more information, e-mail grafskiclub@hotmail.com or visit www.grafskiclub.50megs.com.

Set clock back Oct 29 for end of Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time (Summer Time) ends Oct. 29 at 1 a.m. Universal Time. **Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour!**

Next Youth Sports coach clinic slated Oct. 26

The NYSCA Introduction to Coaching Youth Sports is a membership program designed to “sensitize” volunteer coaches to their responsibilities when working with children in sports and hold them accountable to a strict “code of conduct” defined by the NYSCA Coaches’ Code of Ethics Pledge.

Attending a coach’s clinic is mandatory prior to becoming a CYS volunteer coach. The next clinic is set for Oct. 26.

Sessions start at 4 p.m. in Bldg. 224, Vilseck. To sign up, call DSN 476-3566.

Mandatory substance abuse training available on Intranet

Per AR 600-85, every Soldier within the USAG Grafenwoehr and USAG Hohenfels is required to receive four hours of substance abuse awareness training each year.

In addition, per AR 600-85 every DA civilians are required to reveive three hours of substance abuse awareness training each year.

Online training can be found on the Intranet at <https://intranet.grafenwoehr.army.mil>.

Motorcycle group meetings

The garrison motorcycle group will meet at the Thai restaurant in Grafenwoehr as follows:

Tomorrow
Nov. 2, 16, and 30
Dec. 14 and 28

Place your free ad in the Bavarian News online

All valid ID cardholders can place free ads in the Bavarian News.

Just visit <http://www.rlehner.de/trainingtimes/freeclass.htm>.

New Saturday Thrift Shop hours at Grafenwoehr

The Grafenwoehr Thrift Shop is now open the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with consignments taken from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

CYS Harvestfest scheduled Saturday, open to community

Enjoy games, activities, and fun with CYS at the Vilseck School Age Services from noon - 3 p.m.

Overseas Girl Scouts offer unique, rewarding experience

Girls kindergarten through twelfth grade can register for the Girl Scout troops in Vilseck and Grafenwoehr.

USA Girl Scouts Overseas-North Atlantic serves girls who want to enjoy the same excitement, fun, and adventures in Girl Scouting as stateside Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouting builds girls of COURAGE, CONFIDENCE, and CHARACTER, who make the world a better place.

In every part of the globe, Girl Scouts are making new friends, learning about other cultures, building community, and having fun.

With other girls in your troop or group you can do some amazing things in Girl Scouting, such as:

- Rappelling, zip lining, or traverse wall climbing.
- Riding horses, swimming, or camping.
- Sports like tennis, golf, or soccer.
- Leadership classes, international travel and college scholarships for teen girls.

For more information, call Vilseck

CIV 09662-700754 or DSN 476-2655 / CIV 09662-83-2655 or Graf DSN 475-6679 / CIV 09641-83-6679.

2006 Holiday Ball scheduled, unit S-1s selling tickets

Members of U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr/Hohenfels, JMTC, JMRC, and 2SCR are invited to attend the 2006 Grafenwoehr Holiday Ball at the Max Reger Halle in Weiden Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

All DoD employees and family members are invited, to include local national employees from Grafenwoehr, Vilseck, and Hohenfels.

The cost is 28 Euros. Tickets can be purchased through your unit S-1.

Dress is formal. All service members should wear dress blues, mess dress, or Class A uniform with bowtie.

There will be a buffet dinner and cash bar.

Food, entertainment set for Hispanic celebration Saturday

Visit the Grafenwoehr Field House Saturday from noon - 5 p.m. and help celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Enjoy food and free entertainment.

Thrift Shop selling jeans for 50 cents through October

For the month of October, all adult Thrift Shop property jeans at the Grafenwoehr store are on sale for only 50 cents a piece.

Thrift Shop Hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Bldg. 533, in Grafenwoehr.

Call DSN 475-6181 or CIV 09641-83-6181 for more information.

FBLA seeking workshop presenters for Nov. 8

The DoDDS-Europe Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America is seeking workshop presenters for the 2006 Fall Leadership Conference.

The event is **Nov. 8** at The Village Pavilion, in Patrick Henry Village, Heidelberg.

The workshops will be offered between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., with a lunch break during the day.

For more information, e-mail daniel.dittmeier@eu.dodea.edu.

Quarterly community prayer breakfast to start

The USAG Grafenwoehr Chaplain’s Office will sponsor a quarterly community prayer breakfast Oct. 26 at 7 a.m. at the Tower View Restaurant.

The guest speaker, Chaplain (Col.) James May from Heidelberg, is currently serving as the Europe Region Chaplain./

RSVP is requested. Donations will be accepted at the door.

RSVP via e-mail to joy.manning@graf.eur.army.mil or k.blendinger-betzl@graf.eur.army.mil or call DSN 475-1370.

Grafenwoehr Church seeks part-time child care workers

If you are looking for a part-time job and you like hanging out with some awesome kids, this is the job for you.

The Grafenwoehr Church is looking for childcare workers to work during Bible studies, church service, and other activities.

The position pays \$10 an hour.

For more information, call Chaplain Rizer at DSN 475-6380 or CIV 09641-83-6389, or visit Bldg. 555.

Bank hours change

The Grafenwoehr Community Bank will change operating hours as follows:

- **Nov. 1** for All Saint’s Day- Closed
- **Nov. 8** for staff training- Open 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Nov. 23** for Thanksgiving Holiday- Open from 9 a.m. - noon.

Haircut prices increase

The price of haircuts will increase at all AAFES facilities beginning Nov. 1. The increase for U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr is as follows:

- Military haircut \$8.50
- Style cut \$10.15

Magazines thank Soldiers with free subscriptions

“Subscriptions for Soldiers” offers popular magazines to deployed service members to thank them for their service. The free magazines are delivered to

APO/FPO addresses.

Soldiers can sign up at http://web50.military.com/cgi-bin/outlog.cgi?url=https%3A//store.primediamags.com/soldier2/service_member_pg.html&code=mrtxt.nl

Competitions seek entries from young students

Every year, hundreds of thousands of students participate in the Veterans of Foreign Wars’ Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition and the Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest, which award more than \$3.4 million in scholarships and incentives.

The Voice of Democracy scholarship program is an audio-essay contest for high school students in grades 9-12 that provides scholarships.

Patriot’s Pen, a youth-essay writing contest, is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6, 7, and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy.

The entry deadline is Nov. 1.

For more information, visit <http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=cmtv.levelc&cid=1836&cfid=3209333&cftoken=20488681>.

Volunteer shoppers needed, findings to help set COLA

Stars and Stripes reports that volunteer shoppers from U.S. military bases in several European nations are getting ready to price products and services in a survey that contributes in setting the cost of living allowance supplement paid to service members.

Each year, military bases conduct a Retail Price Survey, which, in part, helps set the COLA supplement military members receive.

Those interested in becoming volunteer shoppers should contact their local COLA coordinators.

For details on the RPS, including the months each base is scheduled to conduct surveys, visit <http://141.116.74.201/cola/appm/appm.pdf>.

CMR closing early Oct. 26

The Vilseck Consolidated Mail Room (CMR 411) lobby will close at 5 p.m. Oct. 26 to allow cleaning contractor to strip and wax the lobby floor. The lobby will reopen at 8 a.m. Oct. 27.

While we strive to provide you with the best facility possible, we apologize for any inconvenience the closure will cause.

Any question regarding this closure should be addressed to Mr. Morris at DSN 476-2509.

Marriage seminar set Nov. 2

A Marriage Enrichment Seminar will be held at Vilseck Chapel Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Child care and meal will be provided. Call Chaplain Nielsen at DSN 476-3276 to sign up.

Hohenfels Briefs

Flamenco classes in session

Flamenco class will now be on Monday and Wednesdays 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Sign up at the post gym.

For more info, call DSN 466-2883.

Library’s weekly preschool story time now in session

The Hohenfels Library is holding their weekly preschool story time every Thursday at 10 a.m.

We will read books, discuss different subjects, and offer fun crafts for children ages 3 to 5. Come and find out about this great service. For more information, call DSN 466-1740.

Sign up for tae kwon do

If you are interested in taking a Thursday evening tae kwon do class from 6:15 p.m.to 7:30 p.m., sign up at the post gym or e-mail jason.rocha@us.army.mil.

Smoothie Zone offering after-school specials

Treat the kids to a nutritious fruit-filled Smoothie at the Smoothie Zone located at the Hohenfels Post Gym, Bldg. 88.

From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., order a 20 or 32 ounce and get a 12 ounce for half price. Kids can enjoy drinks such as Peachie Beachie, Tropical Breeze, or Berry-D-Licious.

All drinks for kids are supplement free. Parents, however, can enjoy their drinks with energy, fat burner, or protein supplements.

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Wednesday, November 1st
6 p.m.

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Reel in the details for fall fishing fun

by MARTINA BIAS
Bavarian News Food & Culture columnist

I have been asked by a reader to explain a little about all the small ponds located on the sides of the roads all over our region. Around this time of year, you can see many of them being drained for the winter. Most of these ponds are used to raise German Carp (a variety raised for consumption unlike the American carp which is considered a “trash fish” generally not seen as suitable for eating). This fish is so popular in Bavaria, there even is a “Phantastischer Karpfenweg”(Fantastic Carp Way)located in Kemnath. This fish likes relatively warm and muddy waters. A grown carp (ready for eating) is usually 3 years old. In the fall, the owner of the pond will lower the water level as an efficient way of removing the grown fish for sale and consumption. The rest of the fish can stay in the water or might be relocated to another body of water for the winter. If you have been to the region around Pottenstein (Franconian Switzerland), you may remember the many shallow ponds on the side of the main road that are filled with trout in various stages of life. Trout like cooler water and need lots of oxygen. Raising fish began in Germany during the 1800’s when the natural population of fish in lakes and streams was steadily declining and it was feared that they may die out. The robust rainbow trout was brought to Europe from the United States about 100 years ago. This fish grows fast and is better suited for raising in ponds than the local brook trout. For anglers, the most common types of fish that are caught in Germany are Forelle (trout),



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Unlike the American carp, which is considered a “trash fish,” the German variety is very popular in Bavaria.

Hecht (pike), Zander (walleye), Waller (catfish), and Karpfen (carp). The fishing seasons vary for each type of fish. Trout fishing opens up in March and closes in December. During the same time frame, Brook and Brown trout are open from March 1 until Sept. 30. Rainbow trout can be fished for from April 16 to Dec. 15. Pike season opens on April 16 and runs through Feb. 14. Walleye can be caught from May 1 until March 14. The only two fish that have an all-year season are German carp and catfish. If you are new to fishing in Germany, you need to be aware of some major difference between fishing here and in the United States. The main difference is that “catch and release” is forbidden by German law and in the U.S. it is encouraged. The reason for this, according to Grafenwoehr’s Outdoor Recreation expert Dale Doeden, is the Animal Nature Protection Act. There has been a court case that suggested fish feel pain and that the constant catching and releasing of them could be detrimental. Germany is currently the only country that has



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The most common types of fish caught in Germany are Forelle (trout, shown above), Hecht (pike), Zander (walleye), Waller (catfish), and Karpfen (carp).

adopted this theory. Most other European Union countries practice “catch and release”. The second big difference is Germany’s mandatory education requirement, which does not exist in the U.S. U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr currently leases 11 lakes and three streams for the use of Soldiers, family members, and authorized civilians. To fish on post you must pass a 20-hour block of instruction to obtain a German fishing license. The purpose of this class is to enable you to meet the requirements set by German law. It teaches participants fishing restrictions and local requirements to fish in the garrison area. These classes are held over a weekend. Once you take and pass the course, you may purchase a fishing permit from the garrison’s Outdoor Recreation. The class costs \$ 50.00 and includes all books and study materials. Classes begin on Friday, and the test is administered on Sunday. Fishing classes can be given upon request, but a minimum of 10 participants is required. The license is recognized throughout Germany, and the education requirement is

accepted by most EU countries. Most European countries require you to purchase a permit for different fishing areas in addition to your license. The license gives you the authorization to purchase these permits. The costs for fishing permits in the Garrison area are as follows:
American Annual
Valid for one calendar year, \$115
Seasonal
Valid from April 1 – Sept. 30, \$89
Local Nationals (authorized persons only)
Valid for one calendar year, 125 Euros
Child (10-12 years)
April 1 – Sept. 30, \$50
Daily
Valid for 24 hours, \$12

Outdoor Recreation sponsors several different types of fishing events throughout the high season for adults and youth. There are no public waters in Germany. If you wish to fish off post you must contact a water rights holder and purchase a permit to fish in that body of water. Opportunities for deep-sea fishing in Germany only exist on the North Sea and Baltic Sea. ODR informed me that, given the long distance from our local area, it is difficult to offer these programs at a reasonable rate for the customer. If you would like more information about fishing in Germany, please contact your local Outdoor Recreation Office.

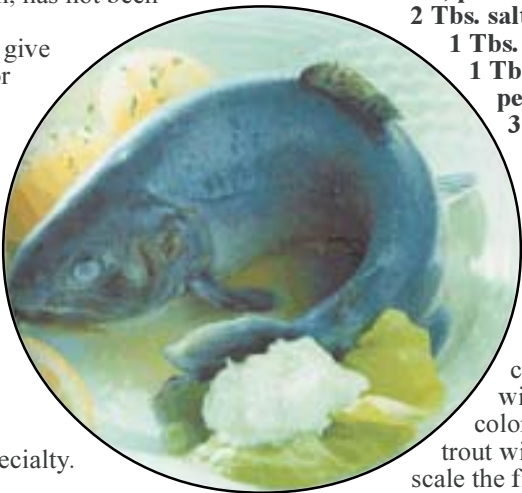
Have you ever wondered why Germans do certain things? I welcome your questions and comments. E-mail me at martina.bias@us.army.mil, and I may be able to address your suggestions in a future column.

Forelle Blau (Trout Blue) an unusually delicious dish

Recipe and photo by MARTINA BIAS
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Trout is one of the most popular fresh fish on German menus, and Germans enjoy it many different ways: cold or warm, boiled, fried, smoked or marinated. It is recommended that it should always be eaten as fresh as possible. Considered a delicacy, the tender skin is usually savored as well. The classic way to serve trout in a restaurant is “Forelle Müllerin Art” (trout according to the Miller’s wife). For this dish, the trout is turned in flour, then fried. It is typically served with parsley potatoes and a leafy green salad with vinaigrette. Another traditional way of preparing trout is as “Forelle Blau” (Trout Blue) and I will share this recipe with you today, as it is somewhat unusual.

For this recipe it is important that the fish is fresh and that the natural phlegm, or slime layer on the fish skin, has not been removed. This is what will give the fish its blue color when cooked. Forelle Blau is usually served with boiled potatoes, melted butter, and creamy horseradish on the side. The same recipe can be used for German Carp and will result in “Karpfen Blau”, another Bavarian specialty. Guten Appetit!



Forelle blau
3 quarts of water
2 onions, peeled and quartered
2 Tbs. salt
1 Tbs. dried Juniper berries
1 Tbs. whole black peppercorns
3 bay leaves
3 fresh trout, insides removed
1 cup white wine vinegar
Important reminder: the natural phlegm (slime layer on the fish skin) should not be compromised. This is what will turn the fish the blue color when cooked. Only touch trout with wet hands and do not scale the fish! Simply rinse the fish with water.

In a large pot, bring water to a boil. Add onions, salt, juniper berries, peppercorns, and bay leaves. Simmer for about 30 minutes. Lightly salt the fish on the inside. If you desire the fish to be presented on the plate in the typical round form, you can tie the lower jaw of the fish to the end of the tail with kitchen string. Place trout in a roasting pan. Bring vinegar to a boil in a small pot and pour hot over the fish. Now gently place trout and vinegar in the simmering water. Cover and simmer lightly for 10-12 minutes. The fish is done when the back fin can easily be pulled out. Use a wide, slotted spoon to move the fish to a warm serving platter. Yield: 3 servings.
Do you have a favorite German dish you would like to recreate at home? E-mail me at martina.bias@us.army.mil.

Ready for a big time? Visit the ‘big top’ in nearby Weiden!



Children and adults alike will be entertained by the circus clowns' treats, tricks, and jokes.



Orfelia from Spain will perform her famed graceful balancing acts on the tightrope.



Indian and African elephants will be one of many features at Circus Busch, premiering at the city Festplatz in Weiden Oct. 25 at 8 p.m. From Oct. 26 - 28, shows begin at 3 and 8 p.m., and on Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are 10 Euros for adults and 5 Euros for children **if you bring this article.**

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Celebrate Red Ribbon Week in memory of ‘Kiki’

World renowned speaker shares message of triumph over tragedy

U.S. Army Substance Abuse Program

Sunday through Oct. 28 is Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week promotes Alcohol and Drug Awareness and Prevention, and honors the memory of Kiki Camarena.

Activities will take place at U.S. Army Garrisons Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels to recognize the annual observance. This year’s theme is “Run Your Own Life Stay Drug Free.”

At Grafenwoehr:

Motivational speaker Bob Mortimer will be the guest speaker in honor of Red Ribbon Week. Mortimer will speak Oct. 27 at 8 a.m. at the Graf Tower Theater. He will also speak at the middle and high school.

SPEAKER BIO: The minute Bob Mortimer rolls in front of an audience they realize he has something unique to share. His undefeated attitude and relaxed humor captures even the most aloof listener.

Bob Mortimer was born in Ohio and moved to the Northwest as a teenager. Involvement with alcohol and other drugs led to a tragic night.

At the age of 21, Bob was returning home from getting “wasted” when the car he was in knocked down a power pole.

Bob walked from the car and into the downed powerlines. The electrocution resulted in the loss of both legs and his left arm.

A few years later, Bob made a commitment to stay drug free and soon was being asked to share his experiences in schools, jails, and communities throughout the United States.

Bob tells a story of hope for individuals and families being damaged by alcohol and drug use; a story of encouragement for those struggling to overcome the challenges in their lives; and a story of turning tragedy into triumph.

At Hohenfels:

The middle/high school will recognize the week with a series of events. The Teen Center is teaming up with ASACS to sponsor a poster contest with prizes for the best in of the middle and the high school.

Mortimer will be the guest speaker. He brings a special message that will motivate listeners to do their best and be substance free.

Mortimer will speak Monday at 1 p.m. and again at 1:55 p.m. in the Great Hall. Parents of the middle /high school are welcome to attend.

The week before and during Red Ribbon Week, there will be daily drug facts in the student daily bulletin, followed by a quiz on Friday with prizes awarded.

Mr. Schuler, the ASACS Counselor, will be presenting educational formation on substance misuse in classrooms.

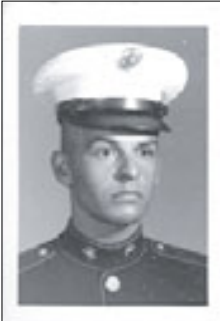
The Enrique Camarena Story

Enrique Camarena never asked to be a hero. All he ever wanted was a chance to make a difference, a chance to somehow help others. But growing up in a poor barrio in Mexico, Kiki must have wondered if he would get those chances.

When Kiki was 9 years old, his family moved to the United States. Kiki worked with the rest of his family in the fields.

As he picked peaches and plums, Kiki watched other kids head for school, and he often wondered what it would be like to have a seat on the bus or a seat in a real classroom.

Kiki finally got the chance to go to school, and he became a good student.



“Kiki” Camarena

In high school, he played on the football and basketball teams. He worked on the yearbook and was voted “Best All Around Senior.”

When Kiki graduated from high school he made a big decision. He saw that his friends were headed for trouble, and Kiki could have followed them. Instead, he worked his way through college and earned a degree in criminal justice.

Kiki served in the Marine Corps, then became a fireman, and finally a policeman! When he saw many of his friends get into trouble because of drugs, he joined the Drug Enforcement Administration. The DEA is the government’s special police force that works to keep drugs from coming into this country.

Kiki knew something had to be done to stop drugs and to help the people he cared about. His mother knew that his work could be very dangerous, and she even tried to talk him out of it. “No”, he told her, “even if I’m only one person, I can make a difference.”

His mother was right. Kiki’s work was often dangerous, and it was lonely too. Old friends turned against him. But Kiki kept on with his fight against drugs.

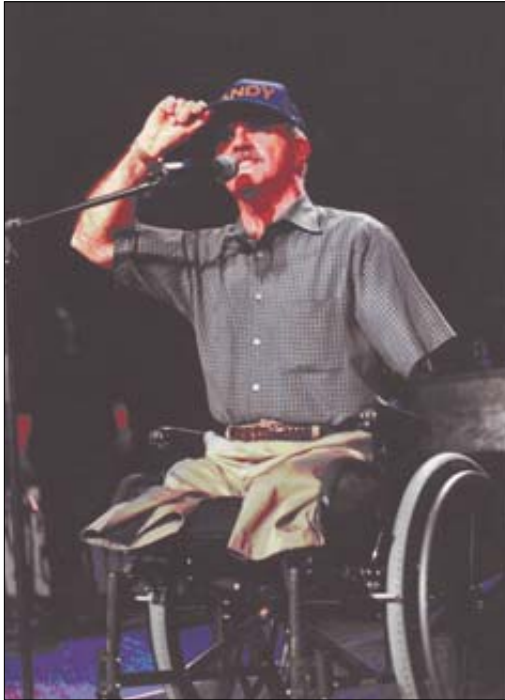
He was such a good agent that he was sent to work undercover in Mexico. For weeks, he lived among drug lords, gathering information and evidence.

Just when his work was almost finished, the drug dealers found out who he really was. They kidnapped him, tortured, and killed him. After a month, his body was discovered and returned home to his family.

Kiki gave his life in the fight against drugs. He gave his life trying to help others. To honor Kiki, his family and friends wore red ribbons.

As his story spread across the country, others began to wear ribbons too. Now, every year millions of Americans celebrate Red Ribbon Week (Oct.23-30) to remember Kiki and to take a stand - just as he did - against illegal drugs.

Kiki set an example for all of us. He showed



Courtesy photo
Bob Mortimer, a world renowned speaker, motivator, and head of Bob Mortimer Motivational Ministries, will speak at Red Ribbon Week observances at Grafenwoehr, Vilseck, and Hohenfels Monday and Oct. 27.

us how one person can change things. And he became a hero. All Kiki wanted to do was make a difference. We hope somewhere, somehow, he can see what a difference he’s still making today.

“The Red Ribbon, A Story of Hope”, storybook is dedicated to Kiki. It is about people who learn that they can solve problems when they work together, and that one by one they can make a difference. Kiki would have liked that.

Tips for a Safe & Fun Halloween



Information compiled by the U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr Safety Office

ALL DRESSED UP:

■ Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.

■ Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.

■ Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.

■ When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.

■ If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child’s costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.

■ Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.

■ Teach children how to call their local emergency number if they have an emergency or become lost.

CARVING NICHE:

□ Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting.

□ Votive candles are safest for candle-lit pumpkins.

□ Lighted pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects, and should never be left unattended.

HOME SAFE HOME:

■ To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.

■ Parents should check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.

■ Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.

■ Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

ON THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL:

■ A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their

neighborhood rounds.

■ If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.

Remind Trick-or-Treaters:

1. Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
2. Carry a mobile phone for quick communication.
3. Only go to homes with a porch light on.
4. Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
5. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
6. Never cut across yards or use alleys.
7. Never enter a stranger’s home or car for a treat.
8. Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom).
9. Don’t assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn’t mean others will!
10. Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

HEALTHY HALLOWEEN:

❖ A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.

❖ Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books or pens and pencils.

❖ Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.

❖ Try to ration treats for the days following Halloween.

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ADULT PARTYERS AND DRIVERS

Adults should be also careful if going out to celebrate on Halloween night. You should never go out alone.

If you go to a party that serves alcohol make sure if you drink, you have a safe way home.

Don’t wear a costume that obstructs your view when driving as this could cause you to have an accident or block your view of

children out trick or treating.

Article Source: http://EzineArticles.com/?expert=Nicola_Kennedy

The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween.

• Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.

• Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.

• Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

• At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

Source: <http://www.nsc.org>

Pumpkin Carving Tips - How to Carve a Pumpkin for a Jack-o'-lantern

By Peggy Trowbridge

Your jack-o'-lantern can also be an air freshener.

• Do not eat a pumpkin that has been carved as a jack-o'-lantern.

• Choose a large **pumpkin**. The larger the pumpkin, the easier it is to carve. Avoid any pumpkins with bruises or moldy stems as they will spoil much faster. Pumpkins with a lighter color tend to be softer and easier to carve.

• When cutting out the top, place the knife at a 45 degree angle so the the lid will have a place to rest when you replace it. If you cut straight down, the lid will fall through.

• When cleaning the pumpkin, save the seeds. **Toasted pumpkin seeds** make a healthy as well as tasty snack. Use a large, heavy metal serving spoon or ice cream scoop to scrape the insides.

• If you will be lighting the pumpkin, the back wall should be scraped as smooth as possible since this is where the light will be reflected. A 1-inch thickness of the pumpkin wall is optimum.

• For longer life, soak the cleaned **pumpkin** a couple of hours in a bleach water solution of 1 teaspoon bleach to 1 gallon of water. Dry thoroughly, then rub inside and out, including all cut edges, with vegetable oil or petroleum jelly to prevent shriveling. If the pumpkin begins to shrivel, repeat the process. The soaking time will depend upon how dried out the pumpkin has become.

• Beginners should select a simple, bold pattern. Once you master the simple patterns, you can move on to something more difficult.

• Print out or draw the pattern on a piece of paper. Use small sharp scissors or a razor knife to cut out the areas you will be carving into the pumpkin. Tape the template onto the pumpkin and use a marker to trace the carving lines. Cutting slits in the paper will help it to conform to the round surface.

• As an alternative, you can tape the outline to the pumpkin and use a nail or large pushpin to score the carving lines onto the pumpkin. Connect the dots as you carve.

• A long serrated knife or a pumpkin-carving knife with teeth will be necessary to cut through the thick flesh. Use a sawing motion and take your time cutting along the outside edge of the marker lines so there is no marker residue.

• Consider cutting off the bottom of the pumpkin, as well as the top. The pumpkin will be more stable and also easier to carve. If you plan on using a candle to light your jack'o'lantern, be sure the opening in the bottom is large enough to fit over the candle.

• Place the candle on a fire-proof base large enough to accommodate the pumpkin. You can then easily lift off the jack-o'-lantern to light the candle.

• If you will be lighting your jack-o'-lantern with a candle, be sure to leave the lid off to avoid any fire hazard. Use a votive candle in a glass holder or tea lights in a metal case. If you want to leave the lid on, carve a hole in the unseen back side of the pumpkin to act as a chimney.

• Never leave a candle-lit jack-o'-lantern unattended for any length of time.

• A small battery-operated **touchlight** is a safer choice than candles for lighting your jack-o'-lantern.

• Sprinkle the bottom side of the **pumpkin** lid with ground **cinnamon**, **nutmeg**, and/or cloves to let your jack-o'-lantern do double duty as an air freshener.

• Place the jack-o'-lantern in a plastic bag and refrigerate when not in use.

• Try making an uncarved jack-o'-lantern by painting on royal icing. You can enjoy a decorated jack-o'-lantern but still use the pumpkin when Halloween has come and gone.

Source: <http://homecooking.about.com/od/howtocookvegetables/a/pumpkin carving.htm>

IMA-E bids farewell to its first CSM

IMA-E press release

The Installation Management Agency-Europe held its first change of responsibility when Regional Director, Russell B. Hall transferred the ceremonial sword of responsibility from Command Sergeant Major Teresa V. King to Command Sergeant Major John M. Gaines on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg Oct. 3.

King became the first command sergeant major for IMA-Europe in 2003 and took on the challenge of helping establish the new agency; it would turn out to be her last assignment as she was officially retired after relinquishing her position as IMA-EURO's senior noncommissioned officer.

"CSM King looked out for Soldiers and families by being out there on the street with them," said Hall. "She is a pioneer and faced many challenges head-on and showed that leadership remains the core component of the NCO fiber. As the first IMA-EURO command sergeant major, she left her mark for all to exceed."

King had nothing but praise for those who helped her throughout her career and wanted only to show her thanks.

There are a lot of people I would like to thank, because my 30-year career in the Army has been everything I could have ever asked for and I would not change anything. King said, fighting back tears as she addressed the many people who

had gathered for the ceremony.

"This is by far the best job in the Army and I feel good about leaving the command, its Soldiers and civilian employees in the capable hands of my battle buddy, (CSM) John Gaines."

Gaines is no stranger to the challenges and responsibilities that such a position bestows upon an NCO as he has been the USAG Benelux command sergeant major.

"I'm very honored to have been chosen for this position, it shows the trust and confidence that Mr. Hall has in me, I believe we will make a great team," said Gaines, who had a couple dozen Soldiers and civilians travel from the Benelux to pay support and witness to the next chapter in his 25-year military career.

"Those Soldiers and civilians who have traveled more than five hours to be here is a real testimony to the type of caring and dedicated NCO I am," said Gaines.

King was awarded the Legion of Merit for her 30 years of dedicated service and presented a letter from the president and a folded U.S. flag.

"My No. 1 priority as a command sergeant major has been to make a personal impact on Soldiers and I did so by interacting with them on a daily basis," King said. "I will miss all the Soldiers I have come in contact with, especially here at IMA-EURO, but more so, I will miss the civilians and local national workforce, who are the real bread and butter of this command."



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Installation Management Agency-Europe's first command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Teresa King, is bid farewell during an Oct. 3 ceremony in Heidelberg. Regional Director Russell Hall transferred responsibility from King to Command Sgt. Maj. John Gaines.

USAREUR Soldier named best in Army

by RAY JOHNSON

USAREUR Public Affairs

For the second year running, a U.S. Army, Europe Soldier has been named as his service's best.

At the Sergeant Major of the Army awards luncheon in Washing, D.C., Oct. 9, during the Association of the U.S. Army annual meeting, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston announced Spc. John Emmett, 21st Theater Support Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany, as the Army's Soldier of the Year.

As Emmett enters his "title" year, Sgt. Jeremy Kamphuis, 127th Military Police Company, Hanau, Germany, completes his term as the Army's Noncommissioned Officer of the year for 2005. Replacing him is Sgt. 1st Class Jason Alexander of Upper Darby, Pa., a healthcare specialist representing U.S. Army Forces Command and currently deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Emmett, a signal support systems specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 21st TSC, said he accepted the honor "with humility, realizing there are many just-as-deserving troops deployed downrange."

"There are thousands of Soldiers pulling duty in Iraq and Afghanistan who could have just as easily been recognized," said Emmett, a mobilized reservist from Greenwood, Ind. "It is their service and sacrifice that allowed me to train, prepare and compete at the highest level."

On hand for the ceremony, Emmett's dad, a retired Army sergeant first class, called the specialist a "remarkable young man."

"Words fail to truly describe how I feel right now," said Scott Emmett, tears welling in his eyes. "Having served 21 years in the Army, I certainly recognize what it took for John to win — and what it means. I know he will credit his success to those he serves with, and rightfully so. But as his father, I know the determined and dedicated Soldier he is to win such an individual honor."

Emmett and nine other major command representatives vied for honors during the 2006 Department of the Army Noncommissioned/Soldier of the Year Competition, Oct. 1 to 6 at Fort Lee, Va.

And like the Army, which is undergoing transformation, the event saw several changes this year, including the addition of an urban war-fighter orientation course.

Moreover, the event was renamed the "Best Warrior Competition," reflecting the Army's current training objectives.

"We trained in the past to fight the Cold War," said Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Aubain, NCOY/SOY coordinator. "But times change, meaning we have to adapt our training and mindset to deal with current threats. We should be learning the same way our deployed Soldiers are while walking the streets of Iraq."

Emmett agreed: "There's no doubt that cotemporary training is a must in today's environment, whether it's individual competition such as this or unit exercises."

Shop for holidays, help raise money

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weekend. Several family readiness groups will also sell food to raise money for their events.

More than 70 prizes are expected to be given away during the bazaar raffle.

"I can't say what the prizes are, but they are all really great," said Davidson.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the commissary, PX, or the bazaar throughout the weekend. The drawing will be held in the afternoon, Oct. 27.

All bazaar profits will go back to the community, said Davidson. Last year, the Grafenwoehr / Vilseck Community Spouses' clubs donated more than \$ 30,000 to community and national organizations.

"This is the largest resource we have to obtain funds to maintain different organizations that exist to meet the needs of our community," she said. So save your money to spend at the bazaar where it will make a difference," suggested Davidson.

Friendship Walk a success

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Representatives from each group and volunteers from the Garrison Grafenwoehr and Eastern Stars set up information tables and fun booths providing food, toys, bracelets, and face painting.

The youngest participant in the walk was 18 months old.

Educational and Developmental Services sponsored the event to promote "Child Find," the EDIS effort to find and refer children for developmental screenings at an early age.

EDIS provides educational services for children with developmental delays from birth to age 3.

Services are provided by occupational therapists, a special educator, physical therapists, speech therapists, psychologists, and social workers.

Children over age 3 are referred by DoDDS to EDIS for evaluations and services in the schools.

For more information or to find out about services for exceptional community members, contact:

EDIS: DSN: 476-3221 CIV: 09662-83-3221
EFMP Vilseck/Grafenwoehr: DSN: 476-2650 CIV: 09662-83-2650

EFMP Hohenfels: DSN: 466-4860 CIV: 09472-4860

CYS: DSN: 476-2760 CIV: 09662-83-2760

EEO: DSN: 475-6390 CIV: 09641-83-6390

SLO: DSN: 475-1770 CIV: 09641-83-1770

The next ICC meeting will be held at EDIS Nov. 29 at Bldg. 306 in Vilseck, at 4 p.m.

All parents of children with special needs are invited to attend.

Halloween activities celebrated at USAG Grafenwoehr, Hohenfels

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will be held Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. The location is to be determined.

■ A Fall Harvest Fest, sponsored by the Grafenwoehr Chapel, will be held Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. at the Middle School Old Gym, Bldg. 103. Come in costume and enjoy games and candy.

At Hohenfels:

■ Frankenstein Friday, sponsored by the MWR library staff, will be held Oct. 27 from 3-4:30 p.m. Participants can enjoy the costume party, story telling, face painting, and snacks at Bldg. 49.

■ A Halloween party, sponsored by the Hohenfels Community Spouses' and Kontakt clubs will be held Oct. 28 from 4-10 p.m. at the Life Center Bldg. 743.

■ A Harvest Fest, a Halloween alternative for those who do not wish to participate in trick-

or-treating, will be held from 5-7 p.m. in Bldg. 40 Oct. 31.


■ Door-to-door trick-or-treating will kick off in all of Hohenfels' government-controlled housing Oct. 31 at 5 p.m. and will last until 7 p.m.

Military police patrols will be vigilant for anyone speeding in the neighborhoods to ensure the safety of our children. They will also provide installation access and control. MPs will conduct mounted and walking patrols.


All ID cardholders in IACS, including host nation employees, can bring guests in their vehicle on the installation. All vehicles are subject to inspection.

The Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program will hand out Chem Lights or reflective trick-or-treat bags at the MP Station.


Stay tuned to the garrison command information channel, AFN, and the garrison newsletter for Halloween updates.



Trunk or Treat?



Tuesday, October 31st



5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

At

The Grafenwoehr Library Parking Lot

Do you live off post and wish that you could participate in Trick or Treating? Well, the Grafenwoehr Library has the solution for you! Register to participate, then come to the Library parking lot and decorate your car trunk, put on your scariest costume, and you can hand out your candy to the community's Trick or Treaters.

Trunk decorating begins at 1630.

Registration closes on 27 October

